



## **What is JMG?**

Junior Master Gardening is an innovative 4-H youth gardening program that grows good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education. JMG was developed by Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University and administered through the national Cooperative Extension network. JMG programs can be found in all 50 states and actively involves over 1,000,000 children each year.

## **What is Weekly Reader?**

Weekly Reader is an engaging classroom magazine that is geared towards making learning fun for grades Pre-K--12 while meeting your state's curriculum standards. Their award-winning periodicals include science, reading, health, social studies, English/language arts, and career development.

## **JMG and Weekly Reader Partnership**

The Junior Master Gardener Program is proud to announce an educational outreach program that will be featured in the November 10th edition of Weekly Reader. This project will include all of the 57,000 3rd and 4th grade classrooms across the United States that subscribe to Weekly Reader. On November 6, 2006 classrooms will begin receiving:

- Information regarding the JMG program
- Teacher activity guide
- JMG educational poster
- Information about a national gardening contest promoting America's Anniversary Garden



## **JMG and America's Anniversary Gardens**

The Junior Master Gardener program has partnered with America's Anniversary Garden to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas, in 2007. To commemorate this historical milestone, Virginia Cooperative Extension has created the America's Anniversary Garden Competition to help individuals, communities and groups to mark America's 400th Anniversary with a signature garden planting. All signature gardens will have red, white and blue as their color schemes and can be of any shape, size, and location. Junior Master Gardener will celebrate America's Anniversary Garden with a national school garden competition promoted through Weekly Reader. Junior Master Gardener, America's Anniversary Garden, and Weekly Reader are working collaboratively to promote and implement this contest. Please visit [www.jmgkids.us/gardenecontest](http://www.jmgkids.us/gardenecontest) and <http://www.americasanniversary.com> for more resources to help your class create an award-winning Anniversary Garden.

Contest entries are due by February 1, 2008 with winners announced on March 1, 2008.

